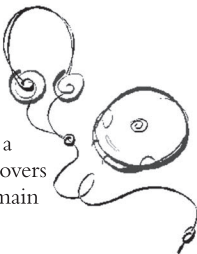


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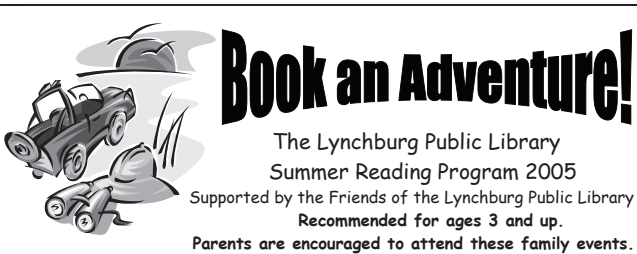


Cassette or CD? Which do you prefer when listening to a good book? We now have a third option for audio-book lovers – the MP3. A small collection of MP3 books is available at the main library. Come check us out!

PROPOSED MIDTOWN RENOVATIONS
DRAWINGS ON DISPLAY

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The proposed Midtown renovations conceived by Dover, Kohl & Partners driven by citizen input will be on display at the Main Library. The drawings will be on the wall near the Adult Information/Reference Desk. Come and see the new face of Midtown.



Book an Adventure!

The Lynchburg Public Library
Summer Reading Program 2005
Supported by the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library
Recommended for ages 3 and up.
Parents are encouraged to attend these family events.
Begin with Our Kick-Off Week!
Wednesday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m.
Captain Kidzo and the Reading Super Heroes!
A fast-paced musical reading adventure!
Friday: July 1 between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Patriotic Craft Workshop.

Monday Movie Matinees Ask for a flier that lists all the titles, times, ratings and lengths of the featured films. New! Toddler Tuesdays Storytimes for two year olds. Registration required. Check at desk for times and dates.	Wednesday Wonders 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. July 6: Backwards Party July 13: Dinosaur Party July 20: Knights and Castles Party July 27: NO PROGRAM August 3: Shipwrecked Party
Thursday Thrills 2:00 p.m. Recommended for ages 8-12 June 30: Go For It Garfield Party July 7: Creative Writing Fun Workshop July 14: Mad Scientist's Concoctions July 21: Creative Writing Fun Workshop July 28: Creative Constructions August 4: Creative Writing Fun Workshop	Fabulous Fridays July 15, 2:00 p.m. Book a Magical Adventure Show! Magic 4 U! Brad Matchett July 29, 2:00 p.m. Dragons and Castles and Magic! Oh My! Fish the Magish!

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GUS THE LEARNING BUS

If you haven't noticed, sometimes there's a big red and white bus in the library parking lot. When the bus is NOT in the library parking lot, it is on the road in our community bringing storytimes and kindergarten readiness skills to youngsters who don't have the opportunity to attend preschools. Gus, a partnership between the library and city schools, is currently on the road four days a week visiting more than a dozen neighborhoods.

Gus is equipped with books, puzzles, puppets, mazes, crayons, scissors, paper, markers and a dedicated staff. Pam, Sherry and Consuela are committed to taking Gus to where children are now waiting for him to come. Neighbors are working together to let each other know when the bus is coming to their community. One small four-year-old boy ran away from Gus the first time he saw him, only to come running back with his friend!

The goal of Gus is to help our youngest citizens get a chance to prepare for kindergarten. If children develop the necessary skills for kindergarten, they are more likely to advance to first grade. A lack in kindergarten skills most often requires a child to repeat kindergarten. So when you see Gus on the road...realize that he is on his way to children who eagerly await his arrival to help them get ready for school.

Gus the Learning Bus has been made possible by Success by Six and an Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA) federal grant. The current grant expires in February 2006. Ways to make Gus a permanent project are already being discussed.

Lorry Risinger, Youth Services, 455-6320

Lynchburg Reads 2006 BOOK ANNOUNCED

Next year's Lynchburg Reads selection will be *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card. The highlight of the community reading program will be the appearance of the author in Lynchburg next spring at a date to be announced.

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer-simulated war games; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate. The result of genetic experimentation, Ender may be the military genius Earth desperately needs in a war against an alien enemy seeking to destroy all human life. The only way to find out is to throw Ender into ever harsher training, to chip away and find the diamond inside, or destroy him utterly. Ender Wiggin is six years old when it begins. He will grow up fast.

When Orson Scott Card wrote *Ender's Game* in 1985, the book won both the Hugo and Nebula awards and rose to the top of national bestseller lists. *Ender's Game* and its sequels have an appeal that crosses demographics – from high school students to senior book groups. A movie based on *Ender's Game* is scheduled to hit movie screens sometime in 2006. We hope that a significant number of Lynchburg's population will be inspired to read and discuss the book and to meet the author next spring.

This year's Lynchburg Reads was a resounding success. Most of the senior class of 324 at E.C. Glass High School read David Baldacci's *Wish You Well*, and 150 of them attended his talk at the high school on the afternoon of April 6. Over 400 people attended his appearance at Randolph-Macon Woman's College later that evening, many of them leaving with a signed copy of one or more of his books. Well over 200 copies of *Wish You Well* were sold at local bookstores, and the library's copies of the book in print, cassette and CD circulated 228 times.

DVDs @ your library™

DVDs are now available. The switch to the new format began with an opening collection of approximately 700 adult and youth DVDs at the main and branch libraries. They will circulate for 7 days, with a limit of one (1) adult and one (1) youth title per card. Included are a varied selection of adult titles, including musicals, westerns, award-winning foreign films, Academy Award winners, etc., popular children's titles and a young adult collection. The 8,000 VHS titles are still available, but emphasis is now being placed on the DVD format. VHS tapes also circulate for 7 days, with a maximum of five (5) adult and (5) youth per card. There is a \$1.00 fine for every day the DVD is overdue.

If you are weeding your home DVD collection, please consider donating any DVDs you no longer want to the library.



LIBRARIES CLOSED JULY 25 AND 26 FOR SOFTWARE UPGRADE

On Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, July 26, both the main and branch libraries will be closed for the migration to a new library software. The DYNIX library integrated software on which the library has operated since 1991, is being upgraded to a new, Windows-based product. All current terminals will be replaced with PCs, and the web access to the library catalog will be vastly improved. Future newsletters will discuss the many new features in depth.

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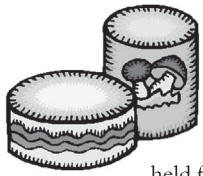
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Mon. & Tues., July 25 & 26
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FOOD BANK DONATIONS NEEDED

The library is sponsoring a food drive for the Lynchburg Area Food Bank. The drive will be held from June 6 to June 18. Please bring a non-perishable food item. We will accept cans, boxed food, or any food item in a paper container. We cannot accept glass containers, and please do not bring in any items which are past their expiration dates. The donation box will be located on your right as you enter the library.

Thank you for contributing to this very worthy cause.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS!

Youth Services Art Contest
June 27 to August 27

Sponsored by Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library

The library is seeking young people to enter a drawing that reflects their feelings and experiences concerning the library. All drawings will be displayed in the library as the entries are presented during the summer.

Entry forms and rules will be available in the Youth Services Department beginning Monday, June 27. The deadline for all entries will be Saturday, August 27. There is a limit of one entry per individual. A panel of three judges will determine the winners. Winners will be announced in September.

Winners will then have their artwork transferred onto notecards that

Employee Spotlight – ANN LAWSON AND DIANE DANIEL

Did you ever hear the expression “take this job and love it?” That is the impression you will have if you spend time talking to Ann Lawson and Diane Daniel, youth librarians and storytellers extraordinaire at the Lynchburg Public Library.

Combined, Ann and Diane have worked in Youth Services for more than 20 years. Their passion is presenting storytimes to children both inside and outside the library building and introducing the principles of emergent literacy to parents. In addition to conducting one-half of the storytimes in the library to toddlers and preschoolers, they team up for programs in the public schools using their trademark themes for St. Patrick’s Day, where they dress as leprechauns and dance the Irish jig, and Thanksgiving, where they lead children in the interactive storytime featuring *Sody Sallyratus*.

On a state level, they have shared their knowledge and experience with professionals from other libraries by presenting programs at the Virginia Library Association Conference. They performed “Bookless Storytelling”, a program demonstrating to other Virginia librarians how to use props, music and more to make children’s introduction to books an enjoyable experience.

When asked what they like best about their jobs, the first thing they mentioned was VARIETY! They come to work each day never knowing what will happen, and they feel that they learn something new every day. They get to see a cross section of the community and a variety of patrons’ needs.

Besides planning and presenting storytimes, they work at the reference desk in Youth Services providing information and readers’ advisory, assist patrons who need help using computers, and teach children, parents, and grandparents how to use and “love” their library. They are always watchful of what is going on around them. If they notice that someone seems puzzled over how to use one of the computers or confused about where a certain book or video may be shelved, they jump in and offer assistance. Research is also another one of their strengths. Whether it’s resources for a History Day project, an answer to a tricky science question, or a recommendation for a 10-year-old who wants to know what to read while she’s waiting for the next Harry Potter book, they provide the library user with the best the library has to offer. They want every library user to feel comfortable using the library and to go home satisfied.

The colorful decorations, signs and displays that make the Youth Services area so inviting to children of all ages and their parents are mostly the work of Diane. She is mindful of “trendy” reading and studies marketing methods. She visits bookstores to study their display techniques and applies them to the Youth Services area. She understands that patrons have less time to spend in the library; therefore, she arranges all their favorite themes and characters for easy access. Preferred series and graphic novels are highly visible due to her careful planning.

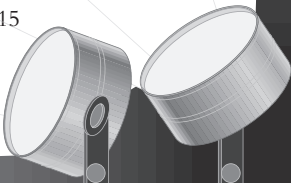
Ann and Diane also design and prepare many of the bibliographies found in Youth Services. They focus on popular youth topics so that children and teens can find a list of recommended titles in which they are interested. They both read a lot of children and young adult books, which they do on their own time at home. This way they can *match up* the right book with the right patron, which is so important to young readers.

When not at work or reading children’s books, Ann likes to knit. She is very fond of the many types of yarn that are available, particularly pure wool and alpaca. She also likes to cook, and she and her daughter are exploring recipes with natural ingredients and whole grains. She and her husband live in Lynchburg and have two children.

Diane likes to paint and redecorate her house. She collects old jewelry, mostly at thrift stores and yard sales, and likes things that are “unique, unusual, and fun.” She loves to travel. Her favorite east coast destinations are the Blue Ridge Parkway where she enjoys walking and hiking, Jekyll Island, St. Augustine, and St. Simon’s Island. On a family trip to Arizona, she particularly enjoyed Sedona. She and her husband live in Bedford County and have three children.

Ann and Diane had experience working with children, before they came to the library. Ann was a school librarian for 15 years in Nelson County, Bedford County, El Paso, Texas, and Lynchburg. Diane taught kindergarten and third grade.

At present, the entire Youth Services staff is gearing up for the annual Summer Reading Program, *Book an Adventure*. Don’t miss out on this event, or anything else that the library has to offer the children of the Lynchburg area!



Library History - FOURTH IN A SERIES

Please Share with Us!

In the previous three articles on the history of the library I recounted the formation of the Friends organization, their successful appeal to City Council for the city’s first tax-supported public library, the opening of the library in 1966 and the 1969 citywide Asian Affairs Study program. I hope that these brief overviews have caused some of you to recall your role in these events – there must be many interesting stories. If you have one you would like share, Pat Doyle and I would like to hear from you.

Pat was one of the Jr. Women’s Club members who went door-to-door in 1963 soliciting memberships. Now, 43 years later, she is writing a history of the Friends and library for publication in *Lynch’s Ferry* magazine. Her article and a related exhibit in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center will kick off the 2006 40th Anniversary celebration. We need stories and artifacts. If you have anything to share, please contact me at 455-6301 or via e-mail at lynn.dodge@lynchburgva.gov. We want to hear from you.

Lynn Dodge, *Library Director*

the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library plan to sell this fall. Special encouragement to purchase the notecards will be made during National Children’s Book Week, November 14-20. The notecards are bound to make great Christmas presents.

Lorry Risinger, *Youth Services*, 455-6320



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David Baldacci

The Friends Support Lynchburg Reads and Literacy

At David Baldacci’s Lynchburg Reads appearance in April, the Friends organization was pleased to present him with a \$250.00 donation to the *Wish You Well* Foundation. This foundation was established by Michelle and David Baldacci to address illiteracy in the United States. The *Wish You Well* Foundation fosters and promotes the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational

programs. More information may be found at the foundation’s web site wishyouwellfoundation.org

Friends Board Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Friends Board will be Tuesday, June 14, 2005 from 12 noon until 1:30 in the activity room of the Library. The location is changed due to the Primary Elections held in the community room that day.

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WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, please send your new address to Friends Membership Secretary Linda Napior, 5218 Wedgewood Place, Lynchburg, Va. 24503. You may also make a change by calling Linda at (434) 384-1718 or by email at dnapior@msn.com.

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